UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT DISTRICT OF MASSACHUSETTS

TIHISI WILLIAMS,)	
Petitioner,)	
V.)	Civil Action No. 03-12554-RWZ
LINDA BARTEE,)	
Respondent.)	
)	

RESPONDENT'S UNOPPOSED MOTION FOR ENLARGEMENT OF TIME TO RESPOND TO PETITION FOR HABEAS CORPUS AND FOR BRIEFING SCHEDULE

Respondent, through counsel, respectfully requests that the Court enlarge the time to file a response to the petition for habeas corpus and to enter a briefing schedule with respect to this matter. In support of the motion respondent states that:

- 1. On January 15, 2004, the Court ordered respondent to respond to the petition by February 10, 2004;
- 2. As part of that answer, respondent is required to determine whether petitioner has exhausted the remedies available to him in state court and to provide portions of the state court record. See Rule 5 of the Rules Governing Section 2254 Cases;
- 3. Respondent has requested, but not yet received, the relevant state court record documents;
- 4. Respondent therefore requires a brief additional period to obtain the relevant documents and to appropriately respond to the petition;
- 5. Undersigned counsel has spoken with counsel for petitioner, and petitioner consents to a thirty-day enlargement of the deadline to respond to the petition, and to a further thirty days for respondent to complete her brief on the merits.

For these reasons, respondent respectfully requests that the motion be allowed, the time for filing a response to the petition be enlarged, and the court order that:

- (1) Respondent file a response to the petition no later than March 11, 2004; and
- (2) Respondent file a brief on the merits no later than thirty days after her answer is filed.

Respectfully submitted,

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